

Glasgow Circular
Russell Carpenter

Leicester, Friday eveng. Aug^y 2. 1850.

Dear Mr Estlin,

Mr. Russell Carpenter has been making me a very brief, yet very pleasant, visit. We have talked, & walked, & rode together (I got wet in a shower) - all which has left me no time for writing (save what I am stealing from my bed, where I really need to be, for I have been working pretty hard for a week back). Mr. C.'s departure from our country is nigh at hand; he leaves us tomorrow morning; a few words with you I must have.

I wrote you on Tuesday July 23^d. - a very hurried letter, but such as I could. After despatching that, I received a very pleasant note from Caroline Weston, making full mention of the charming visit they had had from yourself and daughter, & sending copies of your reply to the Glasgow Circular. It is truly opportune and cannot but be very helpful to the cause of truth & moral honesty, with which that Glasgow letter so utterly conflicts. ~~The~~ malice and meanness^{of that letter} are its only salient points. I presume your reply will bring out the B. & F. A. S. Society, and that will be a good work. Mr. Garrison believes that this Glasgow job was instigated by John Seble & Joseph Sturge, making Pennington (the colored American Episcopal minister, now in G. Britain) their cat's-paw. As he has ~~not~~ positive evidence on this point (that I am aware of)

the opinion of course had better not be cited at present. You will not fail to keep a close watch on these insidious men. — I trust these Glasgow friends (!) will be nipped in the bud. I prophesy for them an ignominious struggle & defeat. The Antislavery cause has God's own life in it; cant and superstition cannot harm it. They have tried it again & again, under far more promising circumstances than now. They have failed every time; & they will fail now.

We had a very excellent meeting at Worcester yesterday, in celebration of the Anniversary of British W. India Emancipⁿ. The day was very rainy & unpleasant, yet a multitude collected. — Mr. Carpenter spoke with excellent effect — very satirically on the opponents of ^{W. I.} Emancipation, & those who complained of the falling off of Exports from those islands. His speech was very well received. — He leaves us, however, I am sorry to say, with what I deem quite inadequate views of the Antislavery Cause and Movement. He does not rightly apprehend the spirit, object, method of the Abolitionists. He has, to be sure, had several conversations with Messrs Phillips, Quincy, and Garrison — besides myself —; and yet, when I remember how constantly he has been in contact with Dr. Larnett, & several ^{other} of the most hearty opponents anywhere to be found of the Antislavery Society and Antislavery Men & Women, I cannot fail to see

some reason ^{there} for his state of mind. Such men would decrease, if it were possible, the very elect. - I should never fear that R. L. C. would be anything but a kind friend to our Cause; but I could not look for that hearty sympathy & support which are founded upon a profound sense of the vast magnitude and indispensable importance of the work of Abolishing Slavery. -

I hope you got only benefit & pleasure from your Paris excursion. -

By Mr. C., I send you a few A. S. pamphlets, viz. Moses Stuart's "Conscience & the Constitution", and Judge Jay's reply to same; Some copies of W. Phillips's review of D. Webster's speech, and of a little tract called "Pictures of the Peculiar Institution", in N. Orleans & vicinity. I send also, for Mr. Armstrong with my best regards, a copy of W. J. Bondstet's very valuable work on "Slavery", &c. - I return the notes of Messrs. Lator and Thieckes, and thank you for both. I believe I was to send the latter back; the former I know you want again. I send too a note I had not long since from Anne Weston, which you need not return to me.

On the last "North Star", I see an acknowledgement of \$3. received from you, & \$3. (through you) from Mrs. Dighton. I see too that Miss H. Lupton has sent a handsome donation to F. D. In today's ~~letter~~ Liberator is a very capital letter from her (without her name), the printing of which I advised,

though she desired it to be kept private. By omitting the names of both writer & residence, all publicity is avoided that would be unpleasant to Miss L.; & her thoughts, so well expressed, go out to do their appropriate work.

Hoping soon to hear of your safe return to Bristol, I am, with much regard to Miss Estlin,
Most truly Yours,

Samuel May, Jr.

P.S. The red colored pamphlet is one I had the honor to receive from one of the Rynders gang, at the New York Anniversary, to whom I had previously given a copy of W. Phillips on D. Webster. You may be amused by a glance at it. -